

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP <u>2836</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.